(*See* below) 1170 exchanges have been converted into electronic exchanges in Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c) The remaining 42 electro-mechanical exchanges in Tamil Nadu will be converted into electronic exchanges progressively in a phased manner.

Statement

Conversion of old exchanges into electronic exchanges in Tamil Nadu

Sl. No.	Secondary Switching Area (SSA)	Revenue Distt.	No. of exchanges converted into electronic	No. of exchanges yet to be converted into electronic.
1.	Chengalpattu	Chengalpattu MCR	81	..
2.	Coimbatore	Coimbatore	79	8
3.	Cuddalore	Vallalar Villupuram SSR	85	1
4.	Dharmapuri	Dharmapuri	56	..
5.	Erode	Periyar	77	5
6.	Karaikudi	Pasumpon Ramanathapuram	57	..
7.	Madurai	Dindigul Anna Madurai	88	6
8.	Nagircoil	Kanyakumari	25	1
9.	Coonoor	The Nilgiri	29	1
10.	Salem	Salem	119	3
11.	Thanjavur	Negapattinam Qamilad Thanjavur	117	4
12.	Tirunelveli	Nellai Kattabomman	54	4
13.	Trichy	Pudukkottai Trichy	123	5
14.	Tuticorin	Chidambaranar	51	1
15.	Vellore	Ambetkar Sambuvarayar	98	1
16.	Virudhunagar	Kamarajar	31	2
		TOTAL :	1170	42

Non-availability of postal materials in the Post Offices of North East region

4478. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Post Office in North Eastern Region are not getting freshly released stamps, revenue stamps; envelopes; Inland letters and other postal stationery in time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) whether Government would instruct the concerned authorities to have freshly released stamps, revenue

stamps, envelopes, Inland letters and other items of postal stationery in the post offices of North-Eastern Region; for sale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The Post Offices in North East Region are getting postage stamps and stationery regularly. But Revenue stamps which Post Offices sell on behalf of the State Government, have on occasions been out of stock at Post Offices, due to non-receipt of supply from State Treasuries.

(c) Does not arise in view of the position stated above.

Mail delivery in Bombay

4479. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of articles issued for delivery in Bombay GPO every day and how many of them are retained undelivered:

(b) whether it is a fact that there has been a fall in traffic in South Bombay, including Bombay GPO: for the last several years: and

(c) whether Government would depute a team of officers for collection of statistical data with particular reference to receipt of mails in Bombay and letters issued for delivery in each of the ninety seven delivery Post Offices in Bombay City?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The number of postal articles issued for delivery in Bombay GPO is about 2.99 lakhs per day on an average. Mail received upto 10.00 A.M. is issued for delivery on the same day. Mail received after that time numbering about 80,000 postal articles on the average are retained for delivery on the following day.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There exists a system all over the country, for collection of statistics of mail. No special arrangement for Bombay is found necessary at present.

Mail generated in Bombay city

4480. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total mail generated in Bombay city per day, both incoming and outgoing:

b) whether the Chief Postmaster General of Maharashtra has stated that the mail generated in Bombay City is 44 lakh pieces of mail, per day: and

(c) if so, whether the enumeration or collection of statistics is done on the basis of any scientific data-collecting system if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Tostal mail of all categories generated in Bombay, incoming and outgoing together, is 40.6 lakhs per day on an average. This is, however, subject to day-to-day and seasonal fluctuations.

(b) No, Sir. The mail generated, that is posted, in Bombay City is 21.8 lakhs per day on an average.

(c) Yes Sir. Collection of statistics is by physical count of mail at every handling office.

Payment of telephone bills in Faridabad

4481. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that payment of telephone bills of subscribers in Faridabad is accepted in the District